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SUBJECT: DEA MEMO RE REQUEST FOR TRAINING

1. FOLLOWING MEMO WAS RECEIVED BY S/NM FROM MR. WALTER J.
LEAMY, CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL TRAINING DIVISION, DEA.

"REQUEST FOR TRAINING -- MACAO

THIS MEMO WILL VERIFY A PREVIOUS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
BETWEEN YOU AND MARVENE SULLIVAN OF MY STAFF. DURING A
RECENT VISIT TO HONG KONG, ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS VISITED
MACAO. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF MACAO ASKED THIS AGENT IF IT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR DEA TO CONDUCT SOME DRUG ENFORCEMENT
TRAINING FOR MACAO POLICE SECURITY FORCES AND THE MARITIME
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POLICE. THIS REQUEST WAS APPLAUDED BY THE DEA AGENT STATION-
ED IN HONG KONG AND THE US DEPUTY CONSUL WHO IS ALSO THE
NARCOTICS COORDINATOR FOR THAT POST. WE, IN INTERNATIONAL
TRAINING, CONCUR WITH THE MISSION AND BELIEVE THIS REQUEST
FOR TRAINING SHOULD RECEIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION AND WOULD
SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL MISSION FOR THE FOL-
LOWING REASONS:

A. THE TRAINING WOULD "BREAK THE ICE" AND PERMIT THE FIRST OFFICIAL DEA AND AMERICAN CONSULATE CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS

FROM MACAO (AT THE PRESENT TIME ALL CONTACT IS MADE THROUGH A ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST).

B. THE HONG KONG NARCOTIC COORDINATOR BELIEVES THAT THAI TRAVELERS ARE GOING INTO MACAO WATERS WHERE THEY OFF-LOAD THEIR CARGO OF HEROIN ONTO SMALL JUNKS AND SMUGGLE IT INTO HONG KONG.

C. THE HONG KONG NARCOTIC COORDINATOR BELIEVES THE TRAINING WOULD HELP TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DEA, HONG KONG POLICE AND MACAO PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES AND HOPEFULLY REVERSE THE CURRENT TREND FOR INTERNATIONAL FUGITIVES TO SEEK REFUGE ON MACAO.

D. FOREIGN NATIONALS AND CHINESE DRUG TRAFFICKERS CURRENTLY HOLD DRUG NEGOTIATIONS ON MACAO TO ESCAPE HONG KONG POLICE AND DEA SURVEILLANCE; THE TRAINING WOULD HOPEFULLY ALERT THE POLICE AND PREVENT THIS FROM CONTINUING.

E. DRUG ADDICTION IN OPIATES AND AMPHETAMINES IS ON THE INCREASE AMONG THE YOUTH IN MACAO.

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F. THE MAJORITY OF PUBLIC SECURITY FORCES OF MACAO MARITIME POLICE HAVE NO EXPERIENCE IN DRUG IDENTIFICATION OR ENFORCEMENT AND WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY FROM THE TRAINING.

WHILE I REALIZE THAT MACAO IS NOT A HIGH PRIORITY, I FIRMLY BELIEVE, BASED ON THIS INFORMATION, THAT ONE BASIC IN-COUNTRY TRAINING PROGRAM WOULD "SHORE UP" OUR ENFORCEMENT POSITION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA."

2. REQUEST ANY COMMENTS POSTS MAY HAVE ON THE ABOVE.
PLEASE SLUG ATTENTION S/NM. VANCE

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